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WASHINGTON ST. CHURCH,

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1884.

8 p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. B. Mack, D.D., from 1 John, 1:19: "He is faithful and just." At the conclusion of public worship the Synod was called to order and coustituted with prayer.

The following members were

Present.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Saye, D. Harrison, (3;)* W. W. Ratchford, J. L. Wilson, (2;) J. C. McMullen, H. B. Pratt, J. S. White, W. G. White, T. R. English, (3;) W. T. Matthews, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, (2;) R. A. Webb, C. R. Hemphill, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. R. McAlpine, George Summey.—17.

Elders—J. W. Campbell, (2,) Aimwell Church; Wm. Choate, Allison Creek; D. G. Stanton, Bethel; J. W. Moore, Bethesda; L. R. Williams, Beth Shiloh; J. C. Brawley, (2,) Carmel Hill; J. W. Bankhead, Catholic; W. B. Thompson, Concord; J. H. McMurray, (2,) Fishing Creek; A. R. Banks, Fort Mill; J. P. White, Horeb; W. A. McDowell, Lebanon; L. T. Wilds, Longtown; Thomas Caskey, Pleasant Grove; James Hemphill, Purity; J. F. Reid, (2,) Rock Hill; J. R. Schorb, (2,) Yorkville; J. G. Lowry, Zion.—18.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministsrs—J. L. Girardeau, J. D. A. Brown, G. R. Brackett, (2;) John R. Dow, W. F. Junkin, J. B. Mack, T. P. Hay, J. L. Stevens, W. T. Thompson, R. A. Lapsley, Luther McKinnon.—11.

Elders—John Conant, Beaufort; J. A. Smyth, (2,) Second Church, Charleston; W. A. Clark, First Church, Columbia; O. E. Johnson, Summerville; H. E. Shepherd, Westminster.—5.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—Z. L. Holmes, R. H. Reid, (5;) A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, R. H. Nall, B. G. Clifford, (2;) J. Y. Fair, D. A. Todd, J. H. Colton, (2;) J. W. Query, T. B. Craig.—12.

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* The figures indicate the day of enrollment of those members not enrolled at the opening.

Elders—F. L. Anderson, Antioch; R. M. Otts, Centre Point; W. L. Hopkins, Fairview; S. D. Glenn, Friendship; H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; W. L. Boyd, Laurens C. H.; E. G. Simpson, Liberty Springs; A. W. Ramsay, Lickville; N. J. Holmes, Lisbon; J. W. Kennedy, Mt. Tabor, (G.;) E. G. Wright, Nazareth; D. H. Templeton, New Harmony; J. S. Summey, (2,) Piedmont; E. C. Rowland, Rocky Springs; H. A. Mills, Old Fields; A. A. Foster, Spartanburg; W. A. Nicholson, (2.) Unionville; J. K. Dickson, Washington street.—18.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. G. Richards, James McDowell, W. A. Gregg, N. W. Edmunds, Robert Bradley, C. E. Chichester, J. S. Cozby, W. J. McKay, D. S. McAllister, H. G. Gilland, R. D. Perry, (2;) J. G. Law, H. B. Garriss. J. L. McLin, W. W. Mills, W. S. Bean.—16.

Elders—B. F. Jones, Beaver Creek; J. B. Jennings, (2,) Bennettsville; J. T. McNeel, Beulah; W. H. R. Workman, Camden; R. C. McFaddin, Concord; R. E. DuBose, Darlington; J. A. Buddin, Lynchburg; J. J. Convers, Manning; J. T. Walsh, Marion; H. H. Wilson, Mayesville; S. L. Shaw, Mt. Zion; N. A. Bethune, (2,) Pine Tree; L. L. McLaurin, Red Bluff; W. J. Muldrow, Salem; A. White, Sumter.—15.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. B. Adger, J. O. Lindsay, W. F. Pearson, J. R. Riley. (2;) H. Strong, (3;) J. L. Martin, (2;) D. E. Frierson, R. A. Fair, T. C. Ligon, (3;) R. C. Ligon, S. L. Morris, (2;) H. C. Fennel, (2;) W. G. Neville, J. McL. Seabrook.—14.

Elders—L. W. Perrin, (2,) Abbeville; A. B. Towers, Anderson; Silas Johnstone, Aveleigh; T. H. Russell, Carmel; T. W. Folger, Central; A. P. Boozer, Greenwood; J. A. Boggs, (2,) Liberty; W. A. Black, Little Mountain; W. H. Stuart, Mt. Pleasant; B. B. Harris, Nazareth; J. E. Boggs, Pickens; G. E. Taylor, Pendleton; J. B. Leroy, Providence; E. P. Vernor, Retreat; M. B. Dendy, Richland; J. R. Cunningham, (2,) Rocky River; W. M. Dorroh, Smyrna; J. W. Todd, (3.) Seneca; F. Henry, (2,) Upper Long Cane; J. Thompson, Varennes; W. F. Erwin, Walhalla; T. F. Anderson, Williamston.—22.

Absent.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.—L. W. Curtis, Jas. Douglass, J. W. Spratt, L. H. Robinson, J. G. Hall, W. B. Jennings, (excused.)—6.

Churches not represented.—Beersheba, Bullock's Creek, Cedar Shoal, Clover, Douglas, Ebenezer, Harmony, Hopewell, Lancasterville, Mizpah, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Pleasant, Olivet, Ramah, Salem, Scion, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Smyrna, Tirzah, Waxhaw, Richburg, Beulah.—23.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—T. H. Legare, C. S. Vedder, J. B. Dunwody, F. Jacobs, S. H. Hay, R. A. Mickle, S. I. Woodbridge, W. Howell Taylor.—8.

Churches not represented—Aiken, Allendale, Barhamville, Barnwell, Beech Island, First Church, Charleston; Ebenezer, Edisto, Harmony, James Island, John's Island, Wadmalaw, Mt. Pleasant, New Wappetaw, Orangeburg, Langley, Port Royal, Stony Creek, Walterboro', Wilton.—19.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. B. Stewart, C. L. Stewart.—2.

Churches not represented—Bethany, Cane Creek, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Enoree, Fair Forest, Grindall Shoals, Limestone, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor, (U.) Mt. Vernon, North Pacolet, Salem, Shady Grove, Wellford, Woodruffs.—17.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. L. Wilson, H. M. Brearley, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, J. E. Dunlop, H. C. DuBose, W. C. Smith, E. G. Smith, W. B. Corbett, T. C. Whaling.—10.

Churches not represented—Bethel, Bishopville, Brewington, Carolina, Centre Point, Cheraw, Elon, Fair Hope, Florence, Great Pedee, Hephzibah, Hopewell, Indiantown, Kentyre, Kingston, Lake City, Liberty Hill, Little Pedee, Midway, New Harmony, Pisgah, Reedy Creek, Summerton, Tirzah, Turkey Creek, Union, Wedgefield, Williamsburg.—28.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—H. McLees, F. P. Mullally, J. P. Marion.—3.

Churches not represented—Belton, Bethel, Bethia, Cokesbury, Ebenezer, Edgefield, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Greenville, Honea Path, Hopewell, Lebanon, Midway, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Zion, Niuety-Six, Pickens C. H., Robert's, Rock, Westminster, Willington, Pelzer.—22.

The Rev. J. Spratt White was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. A. Webb, Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. R. H. Nall it was

Resolved, That the Synod meet daily at 9½ a. m. and adjourn at 2 p. m., and meet again at 4 p. m. to adjourn at pleasure, except to-morrow, when the afternoon sesion shall be omitted.

Rev. Drs. Jas. Woodrow and W. E. Boggs, Synod of Georgia, and J. H. Nall, Synod of Mississippi, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

On motion, Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Second Day.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 23. 9½ a. m.

The Synod was opened with religious exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following additional members appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled:

Bethel Presbytery—Ministers I. H. Thornwell, J. Lowrie Wilson, and Elders J. R. Schorb, Yorkville Church; J. W. Campbell, Aimwell; J. F. Reid, Rock Hill; J. H. McMurray, Fishing Creek; J. C. Brawley, Carmel Hill.

Enoree Presbytery—Rev. B. G. Clifford, and Elders J. S. Summey, Piedmont Church; W. A. Nicholson, Unionville.

Charleston Presbytery—Rev. G. R. Brackett.

Harmony Presbytery—Rev. R. D. Perry.

South Carolina Presbytery—Ministers J. L. Martin, S. L. Morris, H. C. Fennel, J. R. Riley, and Elders L. W. Perrin, Abbeville Church; J. R. Cunningham, Rocky River; J. A. Boggs, Liberty; F. Henry, Upper Long Cane.

The Moderator announced the following

Standing Committees:

Devotional Exercises—Minister, R. H. Nall, and Elder, J. K. Dickson.
Bills and Overtures—Ministers, J. B. Mack, J. C. McMullen, A. A. James, and Elders, A. B. Towers. H. H. Wilson.
Judicial Business—Ministers, H. B. Pratt, J. O. Lindsay, Jas. McDowell, and Elders, H. E. Shepherd, W. L. Boyd.
Foreign Missions—Ministers, C. R. Hemphill, J. B. Adger, N. W. Edmunds, and Elders, A. A. Foster, John Conant.
Home Missions—Ministers, W. F. Junkin, J. Y. Fair, W. F. Pearson, and Elders, A. R. Banks, W. H. R. Workman.
Education—Ministers, W. P. Jacobs, D. E. Frierson, W. J. McKay, and Elders, W. B. Thompson, H. S. Simpson.
Publication—Ministers, J. G. Richards, J. R. Dow, J. W. Query, and Elders, J. G. Lowry, G. E. Taylor.
Narrative—Ministers, W. W. Mills, M. R. Kirkprtrick, R. C. Ligon, and Elders, W. J. Muldrow, W. M. Dorroh.
Theological Seminary—Ministers, J. S. Cozby, G. R. Brackett, R. A. Webb, and Elders, S. Johnstone, F. L. Anderson.
Finance—Elders, W. A. Clark, J. T. Walsh, M. B. Dendy.
Minutes of General Assembly—Ministers, J. L. Girardeau, W. S. Bean, J. McL Seabrook, and Elders, Jas. Hemphill, E. G. Simpson.
Leave of Absence—Ministers, D E. Jordan, W. A. Gregg, W. G. Neville, and Elders, S. D. Glenn, A. P. Boozer.
Presbyterial Records—
Bethel—Minister, J. D. A. Brown, and Elder, J. W. Kennedy.
Charleston—Minister, W. G. White, and Elder, J. A. Buddin.
Enoree—Minister, H G. Gilland, and Elder, Thomas Caskey.
Harmony—Minister, Z. L. Holmes, and Elder, L. T. Wilds.
South Carolina—Minister, Geo. Summey, and Elder, Anthony White.

Upon the call for communications one was received from Rev. J. Wm. Flinn, Secretary of the Sunday League of Louisiana. On motion of Rev. J. H Saye the communication was referred to a select Committee. The Moderator appointed the following to constitute the Committee: Rev. J. H. Saye, Rev. L. McKinnon and Elder W. A. Nicholson.

Also a communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Greenville, S. C., which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. T. G. Herbert and R. D. Smart, M. E. Church, South, and Rev. J. A. Mundy, D.D., of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, who had been appointed to preach a sermon at this meeting of Synod, commemorative of the centennial year of the organization of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, made a statement that there had been a mistake as to the time, the year 1885 being the centennial year. On motion, the

delivery of the sermon was postponed until the next meeting, the same appointment being continued. And it was also

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the arrangements for the due celebration of the event.

The following were appointed the committee: Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Rev. J. L. Wilson and Elder R. E. DuBose.

On motion, the Committee on the Theological Seminary were allowed to be absent from the sessions of this body as much as may be necessary to the prompt consideration of the matters before them; and the Rev. S. L. Morris was appointed to take the place of the Rev. R. A. Webb, as Assistant Clerk, when he may be absent as a member of this Committee.

On motion, the first special order of the day was postponed nntil the hearing of the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was then read by the Rev. Dr. Mack, Secretary of the Board. It was also

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to consider at once such matters as pertain to the Perkins Professorship, and report as speedily as possible.

The Narratives of the Presbyteries of Charleston, Enoree, Harmony and South Carolina were read, and the following

Statistical Reports:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 24 Ministers and 41 Churches. It has organized two new Churches and transferred one Church to the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery since our last report. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. L. R. McCormick and the churches of Beersheba and Allison Creek, and dismissed Bro. McCormick to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. F. Taylor and the church of Beth Shiloh, and dismissed Bro. Taylor to the Presbytery of Cherokee. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. W Query and Douglas church, and dismissed Bro. Query to the Enoree Presbytery. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. W. Mills and the churches of Lebanon and Salem, and dismissed Bro. Mills to the Presbytery of Harmony. It has received Licentiate W. B. Jennings, from Harmony Presbytery, and ordained and installed him Pastor of Rock Hill Church. It has received Rev. Geo. Summey from the Presbytery of Orange, and installed him Pastor of Purity church, Chester. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. McMullen and Concord church, and elected Bro. McMullen to the office and work of an Evangelist. It has installed Rev. W. G. White Pastor of Douglas church and

Rev. W. W. Ratchford Pastor of Ramah church. It has dismissed Licentiate J P. Miller to the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee. It has three candidates under its care—two having entered lately the middle class in the Seminary at Columbia, and one still in course of preparation for that Institution. Mr. T. H. DeGraffenreid, a candidate under our care, who had persued his theological studies through the first year's course in the Seminary at Columbia, departed this life September 5th, 1884, in the triumph of faith D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 19 ministers and 24 Churches, and has under its care two Licentiates and three candidates. It employs two Evangelists, and almost all its congregations are statedly supplied with the means of grace. It has, since the last meeting of Synod, installed Rev. R. A. Lapsley as Pastor of Ebenezer church, Charleston. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. S. H Hay and the New Wappetaw church, and it has appointed him to labor as Evangelist in the Savannah River Mission Field. It has received Rev. Wm. Howell Taylor from the Presbytery of East Florida and installed him Pastor of Summerville church. It has received Rev. A. M. Sale from Harmony Presbytery and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Roanoke. It has installed Rev. Luther McKinnon as Pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Columbia. It has licensed Mr. Edwin Muller to preach the Gospel, and it is now taking steps to have him ordained and installed as Pastor of Orangeburg church, a call having been made by said church for his pastoral services. It has organized a new church on the sandhills near Columbia, which is named Barhamville. A neat and commodious house of worship has been erected and dedicated near Gadsden, in Richland county, and a commission has been appointed to organize a church there at an early day. Our church at Mt. Pleasant, in Berkeley county, is undergoing repairs One of our Licentiates, Mr. W. C. Fleming, has departed this life. JOHN R. DOW, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 14 Ministers and 35 Churches, and has under its care four candidates for the ministry, three of whom are in the Seminary. Within the past year it has received Rev. J. W. Query from the Presbytery of Bethel, and has dismissed Licentiate J. H. Dixon to the care of the Presbytery of Louisville. It has organized the churches of Wellford and Centre Point. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. B. Stewart and Fairview church. It has established the pastoral relation between Rev. A. A. James and the Glenn Springs church. It has lost the Rev. J. S. Bailey by death WM. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY is composed of 26 Ministers and 43 Churches. It has under its care three Licentiates and nine candidates. The pastoral relation between Rev. C. E. Chichester and the Florence church has been dissolved, and he is now pastor of the Mariner's church, Charleston, S. C. Licentiate T. C. Whaling has been received from the Charleston Presbytery, and has been ordained and installed Pastor of the Cheraw church. Rev. W. W. Mills has been received from the Bethel Presbytery, and has been installed Pastor of the Camden church. Rev. W. S. Bean has been received from the Augusta Presbtery, and has been installed Pastor of the Florence church. Licentiate T. F. Boozer has been received from the South Carolina Presbytery, and a commission has been appointed to ordain and install him Pastor of New Harmony church for one-half his time. Candidates J. C. Williams and W. H. McCullough have been licensed to preach the Gospel. The name of one candidate has been dropped from the roll, and another candidate allowed to withdraw his name. Twenty-five churches have pastors, nine have supplies and, nine are vacant. On the 21st of February, Rev. William Moultrie Reid entered upon that rest which remaineth for the people of God. W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY would respectfully report to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of sixteen ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care three candidates for the ministry. Since the last report it has lost by death Rev. Wm. McWhorter, and Rev. E. F. Hyde. It has dismissed to the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. J. P. Marion, to the care of the Presbytery of Athens, Licentiate L. A. Simpson, to the care of the Presbytery of Harmony, Licentiate T. F. Boozer, and Rev. E. P. Davis to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, after dissolving the pastoral relation between him and the churches of Hopewell and Willington. It has received Rev. J. McL. Seabrook from the Presbytery of Lexington, Virginia, and Mr. Wm. O. Groce under its care as a candidate for the ministry. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. Martin and the Abbeville church, and installed Rev. T. C. Ligon pastor of the churches of Roberts and Nazareth. A church has been organized at Pelzer, and commissions have been appointed to organize churches at Troy, Warrenton and Tugalo. Mt. Pleasant presented a call for the services of Rev. J. R. Riley which was placed in his hands. Rev. J. O. Lindsay accepted the calls of Hopewell, Willington and Lebanon, and a commission has been appointed to conduct the installation. S. L. MORRIS, Stated Clerk.

On motion, select committees were appointed to prepare minutes concerning the brethren whose decease is mentioned in the above reports, as follows:

Rev. James S. Bailey—Rev. A. A. James and Elder J. G. Lowry.
Rev. Wm. M. Reid—Rev. W. A. Gregg and Elder L. W. Perrin.
Rev. Wm. McWhorter—Rev. J. R. Riley and Elder M. B. Dendy.

Rev. Robt. Nall, D.D., Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, the Presbytery of Harmony was directed to meet in this house this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to attend to necessary business.

Reports on Home Missions were presented by the Presbyteries of Harmony, Enoree, Charleston and South Carolina, and the Synod then held the usual conference on the state of religion in our bounds and the work of the Presbyteries. After a spirited and interesting conference, participated in by many brethren, the Synod, on motion, took up the selection of the place and time of the next meeting. Purity Church, Chester, was unanimously selected as the place, and Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath of October, (21st day,) 8 o'clock p. m., the time.

Rev Ellison Capers, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was, on motion, invited to a seat as a visiting brother.

The Stated Clerk presented the following

Treasurer's Report:

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina:

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To Balance in hand at last report	$17 55	
" Assessment of Bethel Presbytery, paid	40 00	
" " " Enoree " "	30 00	
" " " Harmony " "	40 00	
" " " So. Ca. " "	35 00	
" " " Charleston " "	30 00	
By Net Expense of Printing and Distributing Minutes,		$ 84 75
" Salary of Stated Clerk		100 00
" Balance in hand		7 80
	$192 55	$192 55

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. W. P. Jacobs was heard concerning the Thornwell Orphanage. At the close of his remarks Synod was, on motion, led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. Frierson, in thankfulness to God for His favor to this Institution.

There being no business before the house, on motion Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. L. McKinnon.

Synod then took recess until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ p. m.

Synod resumed business.

Rev. W. G. White, of the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. G. T. Goetchius, Synod of Georgia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Elder J. Adger Smyth, of the Second church. Charleston, appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Rev. Dr. Hemphill presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee recommends that a conference on Foreign Missions be held on Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock; that Rev. Dr. J. L. Girardeau preside; that the Rev. J. L. Martin and Rev. W. P. Jacobs open the discussion; and that a collection in behalf of this cause be taken up at the close of this meeting.

Elders N. A. Bethune, of Pine Tree church, and J. B. Jennings, Bennettsville church, both of Harmony Presbytery, and Rev. J. H. Colton, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and were enrolled.

Rev. J. S. Cozby, in behalf of a majority of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report, which is as follows:

With regard to that part of the report of the Board of Directors which refers to the Perkins Professorship, and to which our attention has been especially directed by the Synod, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That inasmuch as the hypothesis of Evolution concerning the earth, the lower animals and the body of man, as advanced by the Professor of Natural Science in Connection with Revelation, is a purely scientific and extra-Scriptural hypothesis, the Church, as such, is not called upon to make any deliverance concerning its truth or falsity.

2d. That in view of the deep interest experienced in this matter by all, and the fears expressed by some lest this doctrine of Evolution should become an article of Church faith, the Synod deems it expedient to say that the Church, being set for the defence of the Gospel and the promulgation of Scriptural doctrines, can never, without transcending her proper sphere, incorporate into her confessions of Faith any of the hypotheses, theories or systems of human science.

3d. That while the presentation of the hypothesis of Evolution in its relations to Scripture falls necessarily within the scope of the duties pertaining to the Perkins Professorship, nevertheless, neither this nor any other scientific hypothesis is or can be taught in our Theological Seminary as an article of *Church* faith.

4th. That in view of the above considerations, the Synod sees no sufficient reason to interfere with the present order of our Theological Seminary as determined by the Board of Directors.

J. S. COZBY,
G. R. BRACKETT,
SILAS JOHNSTONE.

Rev. R. A. Webb, of the same Committee, presented a minority report, as follows:

The undersigned, members of the Synod's Committee on the Theological Seminary, would respectfully report the following resolutions as a minority report:

Resolved, 1st. That the question, whether Dr. Woodrow's views in regard to Evolution involve heresy, is not before the Synod.

Resolved, 2d. That the Synod is called upon to decide, not upon the question whether the said views of Dr. Woodrow contradict the Bible in its highest and absolute sense, but upon the question whether they contradict the interpretations of the Bible by the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Resolved, 3d. That the declaration of the Board of Directors, that "the relations subsisting between the teachings of Scripture and the teachings of natural science are plainly, correctly and satisfactorily set forth" in Dr. Woodrow's address on Evolution, was inexpedient and injudicious.

Resolved, 4th. That the action of the Board of Directors, virtually approving the inculcation and defence of the unverified hypothesis of Evolution in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, is, the majority of the

Synods of Georgia, Alabama, and South Georgia and Florida concurring, hereby reversed; and that the inculcation and defence of the said hypothesis even as a probable one, in the Theological Seminary, as being contrary to the interpretation of the Scriptures by our Church and to her prevailing and recognized views, is, a majority of the Associated Synods concurring, hereby prohibited.

R. A. WEBB,
F. L. ANDERSON.

Rev. R. A. Webb moved the adoption of the minority report. Rev. J. L. Martin moved, as a substitute, the adoption of the majority report, which was taken up and discussed at length. Pending the consideration of the question the Synod, on motion of Rev. R. H. Nall, adjourned till 9½ a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. W. P. Jacobs.

Third Day.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 24, 9½ a. m.

Synod was opened with religious exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. J. C. Furman, D.D., of the Baptist Church, was invited to a seat as a visiting brother.

The following members appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled:

Ministers D. Harrison, T. R. English, T. C. Ligon, H. Strong, and Elder J. W. Todd, of Seneca City church.

The Stated Clerk of South Carolina Presbytery reported the decease of Rev. E. F. Hyde, two days ago, and Rev. T. C. Ligon and Elder B. B. Harris were appointed a committee to prepare and report a suitable minute concerning him.

The Rev. J. H, Saye reported in behalf of the select Committee on the communication from the Sunday League of Louisiana. The report was, on motion, recommitted for completion.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Junkin presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions, which was docketed.

Rev. George Summey, of the Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery, presented a report which was docketed.

The unfinished business was taken up, and the report of the Committee on the Seminary was discussed until the hour of recess.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Junkin, Rev. Professor Woodrow was extended the privilege of the floor to address the house on this question at any time that he may select.

On motion of Rev. J. G. Law, to-morrow, 4 p. m., was appointed for a memorial service when we shall hear the minutes concerning the deceased brethren.

Synod then took recess till 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 o'clock p. m.

The Synod re-assembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. H. G. Gilland presented a report upon the Records of Enoree Presbytery, recommending their approval, which was adopted.

The unfinished business was resumed and the remainder of the session devoted to it.

On motion, the order for this evening's session, the Conference upon Foreign Missions, was suspended until some future time yet to be designated.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ o'clock p. m.

Upon the re assembling of Synod the unfinished business was resumed and its consideration was continued till the close of the session.

On motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Prayer by the Rev. W. S. Bean.

Fourth Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Saturday, October 25, 9½ a. m.

Synod was opened with religious exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. D. E. Jordan presented a partial report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was left in the hands of the Committee for completion.

Rev. Z. L. Holmes, of the Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs presented a report which was amended and adopted as follows :

Your Committee. to whom it was referred to propose a plan for the celebration of the Centennial occasion at the next meeting of Synod, would recommend

1st. That the celebration shall take place on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at 11 a. m , and shall be presided over by the Moderator then in office.

2d. That the oldest minister in the Synod. if such can be ascertained, shall be invited to offer the opening prayer.

3d. That the address by Rev. Dr. Girardeau shall be the main feature of the occasion, and shall be set for 11½ a. m.

4th. That Rev. C. S. Vedder, D.D., be invited to prepare for us a suitable memorial ode.

5th. That Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D.. be invited to prepare a brief historical sketch of the First (or Scotch) Presbyterian church of Charleston, the oldest existing Presbyterian church in the Synod; that the pastor of the Purity church be requested to prepare for that occasion a historical sketch of that church, the exact centennial anniversary of whose organization falls upon that day; and also that Rev. J. H. Saye, with Rev. H. B. Pratt, as alternate, be appointed to prepare a similar sketch of Waxhaw church, to be read on the same occasion.

6th. That a committee be appointed to prepare an outline map of the State. containing the present location of every church, together with Presbyterial boundaries, the same of a suitable and convenient size to be seen by all the congregation.

7th. That the Pastor and Session of the Purity church be requested to make any necessary local arrangements.

8th. That Orange Presbytery be invited to send representatives to this meeting with such arrangements for them as they desire.

Your Committee would also recommend that our Church be urged to make this Centennial year a year of marked and especial effort for the increase of liberality and the spread of the Gospel.

1. That all the local church debts be paid, and that churches in arrears to their pastors blot out this shameful record.

2. That centennial offerings be made to the religious institutions of learning and charity under our care.

3. That Home and Foreign Missions receive a larger share of the treasures of God's people than ever before.

4. That, as a thanksgiving offering to God, we will endeavor to make the total sum of our gifts not less than $150,000.

We would furthermore urge upon our pastors and people that they seek, by prayer to God, and by earnest and faithful devotion to duty, that this year may be a year of grace in all our churches. And on the Presbyteries specially interested, we would urge that the two counties in our State in which there are no Presbyterian churches, be occupied, so that this reproach may be finally swept away with the advent of this Centennial year.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee in accordance with recommendation 6, to prepare the map of the Synod :

Rev. Messrs. W. P. Jacobs, C. E. Chichester, S. L. Morris and J. C. McMullen, and Elder Anthony White.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, for the Committee on Education, presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee of Education have had no papers put into their hands, and no business has come before them. They deem it needless to repeat the oft delivered injunction to liberality for this object. Its importance is felt by all. We content ourselves with simply calling attention to the approaching collection for this object.

Rev. W. W Mills, in behalf of the Committee, presented, and the Synod adopted, the following

Narrative.

The Narratives from our different Presbyteries are in the main encouraging. Pastors and other church officers are reported generally as faithful in the discharge of duty.

There seems to be an increasing interest in the work of Domestic Missions. Several new churches have been organized; several new buildings have been erected and dedicated to the service of the Lord; some old ones have been repaired and made much more comfortable; many of our ministers are zealous in carrying the Gospel into destitute neighborhoods, and we have good reason to hope that several new churches will be organized in the near future. Quite a number of our churches have enjoyed precious seasons of revival, and a rather unusual number have been added to our roll of members.

Charleston Presbytery has two Evangelists already in the field; Bethel Presbytery has elected one and hopes soon to have him at work; and Harmony Presbytery, at her last regular meeting, elected one, but has failed to secure his services.

The cause of Foreign Missions seems to be engaging more of the attention of our people. It is being more generally recognized as a great work laid upon the Church by her divine Head, which should be engaged in with love and zeal, and which cannot be neglected with impunity.

On the other hand, there is some cause for lamentation among us. Our people are not contributing as liberally as they should to the different causes of benevolence. Mention is made by more than one of our Presbyteries of Sabbath desecration, and of the sad and widespread neglect of family worship. As the family altar and the proper observance of the Sabbath are so essential to the inculcation of the principles of religion, and to growth in grace, we are not without fear because of the existence of these evils among us.

Rev. J. G. Richards, of the Committee on Publication, reported that nothing had come into their hands and asked to be discharged. Granted.

Elder W. A. Clark presented the following report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer with accompanying vouchers, and find the same correct and recommend its approval.

We recommend that 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod be printed, and that the following assessments be made on the Presbyteries: Bethel, $45; Harmony, $45; South Carolina, $40; Charleston, $35; and Enoree, $35.

The Rev. T. C. Ligon, of the Committee on the Minute concerning Rev. E. F. Hyde, deceased, asked leave to report at the next meeting. Granted.

The unfinished business was resumed. The discussion was arrested by the hour of recess, when it was resolved to postpone the order for 4 o'clock to some future time.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 p. m.

Upon the re-assembling of Synod Rev. R. H. Nall, of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, and Synod approved, the following

Appointments for the Sabbath.

Presbyterian Church—Sermon at 11:30 a. m., by the Moderator, Rev. J. S. White; Communion to be administered by Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D.; Sermon at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D.D.; at 4 p. m., a Sabbath School Mass Meeting—addresses by Rev. W. J. McKay, Rev. Geo. Summey, Dr. H. E. Shepherd and Mr. A. R. Banks.

Baptist Church—At 11:30 a. m., Rev. G. R. Brackett, D.D.; and at 7:30 p. m., Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D.D.

Baptist Chapel—At 11:30 a. m., Rev. N. W. Edmunds; and at 7:30 p. m., Rev. John G. Law.

Methodist Episcopal Church—At 11:30 a. m., Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D.; and 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. L. Martin.

Mattoon Presbyterian Church—At 11:30 a. m., Rev. J. R. Riley, D.D.

The unfinished business was again taken up, and its consideration occupied the Synod until recess, which was taken till 7½ o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ p. m.

The Synod re-assembled and resumed the unfinished business, which was continued till near 11 o'clock, when, on motion, Synod adjourned with prayer till Monday morning, 9½ o'clock.

Fifth Day.

MORNING SESSION.

Monday, October 27, 9½ a. m.

The Synod was opened with the usual religious exercises.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. R. H. Reid appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and was enrolled.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the speakers on the Seminary question now before the house, be limited to fifteen minutes, excepting Rev. J. L. Martin, who holds the floor, and the members of the Board of Directors and Dr. Woodrow.

Rev. L. McKinnon, of the Committee on the communication from the Sunday League of Louisiana, presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Sunday League of Louisiana beg leave to submit the following:

1. This Synod has viewed with regret and alarm the numerous ways in which the Sabbath is violated in our country and sympathizes most heartily with every effort to secure the proper observance of God's holy day.

2. This Synod respectfully requests those in charge of the exhibit from this State in the approaching World's Exposition at New Orleans, to co operate with the Sunday League of Louisiana in their efforts to have the Exposition closed on the Sabbath day, and all business connected therewith suspended.

3. That the Stated Clerk of this Synod be requested to notify the Secretary of the Sunday League of Louisiana, the managers of the Exposition, and others in charge of the exhibit from South Carolina of this action.

The unfinished business was resumed, and Rev. J. L. Martin, who held the floor at adjournment Saturday evening, continued the discussion, and was followed by others.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hemphill this business was suspended till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Dr. Junkin it was

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Woodrow be invited to address the Synod on the Seminary matter at 7½ this evening, in accordance with his own wishes; and should there be further discussion that he be allowed to make the closing remarks before the vote is taken.

Synod then took recess till 4 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 p. m.

The Synod, on re-assembling, took up the unfinished business and considered it until the time of recess, which was taken till 7½ p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ p. m.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the Rev. Dr. Woodrow was heard at length upon the question.

At half-past twelve o'clock Synod adjourned till 9½ a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Rev. J. D. A. Brown.

Sixth Day.

MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 28, 9½ p. m.

The Synod was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to report: That they have found little demanding the attention of the Synod. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the attention of the Presbyteries be called to the following recommendations of the Assembly: That our Ministers preach at least once a year on Foreign Missions; that in the conduct of public worship they fail not to remember that cause, and that they keep up the monthly concert of prayer.

Rev. H. B. Pratt, of the Judicial Committee, reported that nothing had come into its hands, and asked to be discharged. Granted.

Rev. D. E. Jordan presented the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence, which was approved, and is as follows:

The Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully reports that leave of absence from Saturday morning was granted to Rev. J. H. Colton, of Enoree Presbytery; Mr. L. W. Perrin, of S. C.; R. C. McFadden, of Harmony; W. H. Stewart, of S. C.; R. M. Otts, of Enoree; D. H. Templeton, of Enoree; W. L. Boyd, of Enoree; B. F. Jones, of Harmony; and A. A. Foster, of Enoree. Rev. W. T. Matthews and Rev. C. R. Hemphill rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting. Rev. W. B. Jennings from the present meeting, and they were excused. Mr. W. F. Erwin, of South Carolina Presbytery, Mr. M. B. Dendy, of the same, and Dr. T. W. Folger, and Rev. J. R. Riley, of the same, were excused after Saturday evening. Messrs. W. A. McDowell and J. P. White, of Bethel, and Rev. W. A. Gregg, of Harmony, and Mr. S. D. Glenn were excused after Monday morning. Mr. J. F. Reid, of Bethel Mr. Geo. E. Taylor, of S. C. Presbytery; Mr. J. J. Conyers, of Harmony, Rev. T. R. English, of Bethel, and Mr. T. H. Russel, of S. C., after Monday night.

Rev. Dr. Mack, of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report that only one paper has been placed in their hands, viz.: a communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Greenville, S. C. In answer to this we would recommend the following action:

1. This Synod desires the membership of its churches to use all Scriptural means to advance the cause of temperance.

2. That Synod returns its thanks to the ladies for the privileges of their Reading Room.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, of the select Committee appointed last year on the appointment of a Historian of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina, reported, recommending that Rev. W. P. Jacobs be appointed to this position. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Martin the order for a conference upon Foriegn Missions was rescinded, and a collection for that cause was ordered to be taken up immediately after the conclusion of the unfinished business.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented, and Synod adopted, the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the request made by the Secretary of Foreign Missions, this Synod will exert its influence towards the raising of a proportionate part of $100,000 for that cause during the coming year. The Sessions of our churches are urged to do all in their power to further this object.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was taken from the docket and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Home Missions report:

Returns from four Presbyteries have been sent up to Synod. From these four we learn

1. That in the Domestic Missionary field within our bounds two Evangelists are regularly employed and several others are likely soon to enter upon this important work. A large amount of missionary service has been rendered by pastors of churches and by theological students under the direction of the Presbyterial Committees of Home Missions.

2 For the different departments of this work the churches have contributed about $5,200

3. The reports from the Presbyteries indicate a growing interest in this branch of our Church work. W. F. JUNKIN, Chairman.

The report on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery was taken from the docket and adopted as follows:

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery recommend the approval of the Records of that Presbytery with the following exception, viz.: that on page 10 of the last printed Minutes, it appears that the Presbytery enrolled the name of an Elder who was known to be neither principal nor alternate delegate from his church.

GEORGE SUMMEY, Ch'mn Com.

Rev. J. D. A. Brown, of the Committee, reported on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Memorial Service, which had been postponed from Saturday afternoon, was appointed as the second order after the conclusion of the unfinished business.

The unfinished business was resumed.

At 2 o'clock this business was arrested and recess taken till 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 p. m.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business. Dr. Woodrow further addressed the Synod on the subject. At the conclusion of his remarks the Synod was, on the call of the Moderator, led in prayer by Rev. W. W. Mills.

On motion, the vote was taken by ayes and noes. The majority Report was put to vote and was rejected by the following vote, (the Rev. J. L. Stevens being, on motion, excused from voting):

Ayes—J S White, W. T. Matthews, C R Hemphill, J D A Brown, G R Brackett, T P Hay, R A Lapsley, Z L Holmes, T H Law, J Y Fair, D A Todd, J G Richards, Robt. Bradley, J S Cozby, W J McKay, H B Garriss, J L McLin, W S Bean, J B Adger, J O Lindsay, J L Martin, R C Ligon, S L Morris, H C Fennel, W G Neville, J W Campbell, W B Thompson, L T Wilds, Jas Hemphill, J R Schorb, J A Smyth, W A Clark, H S Simpson, N J Holmes, W H R Workman, R E DuBose, J T Walsh, H H Wilson, W J Muldrow, S Johnstone, T W Folger, J E Boggs, J B Leroy, J R Cunningham.—44.

Noes—D Harrison, W W Ratchford, J L Wilson, J C McMullen, H B Pratt, W G White, D E Jordan, J H Thornwell, R A Webb, J R McAlpine, George Summey, J L Girardeau, J R Dow, W F Junkin, J B Mack, W T Thompson, L McKinnon, R H Reid, A A James, R H Nall, B G Clifford, J W Query, James McDowell, N W Edmunds, C E Chichester, D S McAllister, R D Perry, J G Law, W W Mills, W F Pearson, D E Frierson, R A Fair, J G Stanton, J W Moore, J C Brawley, J W Bankhead, A R Banks, Thos Caskey, J G Lowry, Jno Conant, O E Johnson H E Shepherd, F L Anderson, A W Ramsey, E G Wright, E C Rowland, H A Mills, J K Dickson, S L Shaw, L L McLaurin, J Thompson, T F Anderson.—52.

The minority Report was then put and rejected by the following vote, (Rev. J. L. Stevens being excused from voting):

Ayes—D Harrison, W W Ratchford, J L Wilson, J C McMullen, H B Pratt, W G White, D E Jordan, J H Thornwell, R A Webb, Geo Summey, J L Girardeau, J R Dow, W F Junkin, J B Mack, W T Thompson, L McKinnon, R H Reid, A A James, J W Query, C E Chichester, D S McAllister, R D Perry, J G Law, W F Pearson, D E Frierson, R A Fair, D G Stanton, J W Moore, J C Brawley, J W Bankhead, A R Banks, Thos Caskey, Jno Conant, F L Anderson, A W Ramsey, E G Wright, E C Rowland, H A Mills, J K Dickson, S L Shaw, L L McLaurin, J Thompson, T F Anderson, H E Shepherd.—44.

Noes—J S White, W T Matthews, C R Hemphill, J R McAlpine, J D A Brown, G R Brackett, T P Hay, R A Lapsley, Z L Holmes, T H Law, R H Nall, B G Clifford, J Y Fair, D A Todd, J G Richards, Jas McDowell, N W Edmunds, Robt Bradley, J S Cozby, W J McKay, H B Garriss, J L McLin, W W Mills, W S Bean, J B Adger, J O Lindsay, J L Martin, R C Ligon, S L Morris, H C Fennel, W G Neville, J W Campbell, W B Thompson, L T Wilds, Jas Hemphill, J R Schorb, J G Lowry, J A Smyth, W A Clark, O E Johnson, H S Simpson, N J Holmes, W H R Workman, R E DuBose, J T Walsh, H H Wilson, W J Muldrow, S Johnstone, T W Folger, J E Boggs, J B Leroy, J R Cunningham.—52.

The order for the hour was indefinitely postponed.

Synod took recess till 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. J. S. Cozby, of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report which was docketed.

Rev. Dr. Thompson presented the following paper:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod the teaching of Evolution in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, except in a purely expository manner, without intention of inculcating its truth, is hereby disapproved.

It was adopted by the following vote, the ayes and noes being called:

Ayes—D Harrison, W W Ratchford, J L Wilson, J C McMullen, H B Pratt, W G White, D E Jordan, J H Thornwell, R A Webb, J R McAlpine, Geo Summey, J L Girardeau, J R Dow, W F Junkin, J B Mack, J L Stevens, W T Thompson, L McKinnon, R H Reid, A A James, R H Nall, B G Clifford, J W Query, C E Chichester, D S McAllister, R D Perry, J G Law, W F Pearson, R A Fair, D G Stanton, J W Moore, J C Brawley, J W Bankhead, A R Banks, Thos Caskey, J G Lowry, Jno Conant, O E Johnson, H E Shepherd, F L Anderson, A W Ramsey, E G Wright, E C Rowland, H A Mills, J K Dickson, W H R Workman, S L Shaw, L L McLaurin, J Thompson, T F Anderson.—50.

Noes—J S White, W T Matthews, C R Hemphill, J D A Brown, G R Brackett, T P Hay, R A Lapsley, Z L Holmes, T H Law, D A Todd, J G Richards, Jas McDowell, N W Edmunds, Robt Bradley, J S Cozby, W J McKay, H B Garriss, J L McLin, W W Mills, W S Bean, J B Adger, J O Lindsay, J L Martin, R C Ligon, S L Morris, H C Fennel, W G Neville, J W Campbell, W B Thompson, L T Wilds, Jas Hemphill, J R Schorb, J A Smyth, W A Clark, H S Simpson, N J Holmes, R E DuBose, J T Walsh, H H Wilson, W J Muldrow S Johnstone, T W Folger, J E Boggs, J B Leroy, J R Cunningham.—45.

Rev. Dr Junkin presented, and Synod unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the following resolution:

In connection with its action taken in regard to Columbia Seminary, Synod deems it appropriate to adopt, which it hereby does, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina hereby expresses its sincere affection for Dr. Woodrow's person, its appreciation of the purity of his Christian character, its admiration of his distinguished talents and scholarly attainments both in Theology and Science, and its high estimate of his past services.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was then taken from the docket. The report is as follows:

The matter concerning the Perkins Professorship being now disposed of, the Committee, to whom was also referred the Report and Minutes of the Board of Directors would report

1. That we have examined the same, and find nothing requiring the action of Synod except the filling of the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of service of the Rev T. H. Law and W. A. Clark, Esq., and we recommend that the same be now re-appointed as directors for three years.

2. We suggest for your adoption the following, viz.: That the Report of the Board of Directors be received as information, and be printed with the Records of Synod.

J. S. COZBY,
SILAS JOHNSTONE,
G. R. BRACKETT.

Rev. R. A. Webb, as a minority of the Committee, dissented from the first recommendation and nominated Rev. D. E. Frierson, D.D., and Dr. H. E. Shepherd as directors, instead of those re-nominated by the majority.

On motion of Dr. Junkin a vote was taken to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors, and Rev. T. H. Law and Rev. D. E. Frierson were elected to serve for the next three years.

The report as thus amended was adopted.

At the conclusion of this business the Synod took up a collection for Foreign Missions amounting to $38.52.

The Synod then heard and adopted the following Minutes of deceased Brethren, each by a rising vote:

Rev. J. S. Bailey.

Rev. J. S. BAILEY was born in Union District, S. C., February 15, 1825, and was trained by pious parents, and in early life united with Mt. Tabor Church, which was then in connection with the Independent Presbyterian Church. He graduated at Erskine College in 1849, and then prosecuted his theological studies under the Rev. R. Y. Russel and Rev. W. W. Carothers. He was licensed to preach June 22d, 1850, and was ordained at Bullock's Creek Church April 26th, 1851. He was united in marriage to Miss E. C. Abell, of Chester District, May 29th, 1851. His first charge was Carmel Hill church, in Chester District. Soon after his marriage he removed into the bounds of Olivet congregation, in York District, and supplied that church together with Beth Shiloh. While living here his wife died. March 12th, 1861, he married Miss E. C. Gill, who lived but a short time. January 7th, 1869, he married Miss E. M. Russel, who is still living. In addition to the churches already mentioned he supplied, at different times, the churches of Salem, Harmony, Bullock's Creek, Union church, in North Carolina, Mt. Tabor, Cane Creek, Mt. Vernon and Enoree, and in all his churches he has warm friends; and occasional seasons of ingathering manifested a good degree of ministerial success. One of the years he supplied Bullock's Creek church there were about 40 additions on a profession of faith; and at Mt. Tabor church, for several years, there were considerable accessions to their communion. He has gone to his reward. On Oct. 30th, 1883, the Messenger came suddenly, but found him prepared for the change. We believe Bro. Bailey to have been a man of genuine piety, which qualified him to successfully discharge the duties of the ministerial office. He had good natural endowments. He had a sound judgment, ardent temperament, great determination of purpose, always considering well before coming to a conclusion, and then standing firmly upon what he considered the truth. He had a warm, affectionate heart, and disposition eminently social, so much so that he endeared himself with ut apparent effort to most persons with whom he came in contact. In the pulpit he was bold and energetic, yet his manner was tenderly affectionate. His address was solemn and impressive, so much so that he seldom failed to convince his hearers that he was in earnest when he spoke to them relative to eternity. Those who sympathized in his spiritual joys and sorrows were his welcome companions. He relished no society that was not sanctified by prayer, and no conversation which had not something in it of the unsearchable riches of Christ. He had a constant and ardent desire to promote the glory of his Master and be useful in His cause. To him indeed to live was Christ, and he evinced the most intense conviction that there is nothing worth living for but the advancement of the glory of our God and Saviour; hence, in his unwearied efforts to build up the Church of Christ, he utterly disregarded the cold of winter and scorching sun of summer. He labored in season and out of season, carrying the Gospel from house to house, esteeming it higher honor to visit the poor in their cottages and minister to their spiritual wants than to visit the palaces of the rich.

The ardnous duties he underwent were performed cheerfully, without boasting or complaint and with a very small salary. Surely in these intense labors of love he must have been animated by the Spirit of his Lord and Master, from whose blesssed hand he will receive his recompense and reward. He labored up to the last. On the Sabbath before he died on Tuesday, he preached two sermons. And now, brethren, when we recall that his life is ended, his active labors terminated, that he was cut off in the midst of his days, when his natural power was not abated, when, according to the course of nature, we might have hoped for the Church and the world to enjoy the benefit of his labors for years to come, we should be admonished to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Rev. W. M. Reid.

On the 21st of February, 1884, Rev. WILLIAM MOULTRIE REID entered upon the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

His father was George Reid, of Scotland; his mother was Ann Hardy, of Ireland. They were married in New York and removed to Charleston, S. C. The subject of this tribute of respect was born in Charleston, S. C., February 25th, 1798. Had he lived four days longer he would have completed his 86th year. When he was thirty years of age, after a bitter struggle of nine months, he made a profession of his faith in Christ and united with the Circular church, Charleston. After a full course of study in the first class of the Columbia Seminary, he was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Charleston Union Presbytery, at Walterboro, April, 1833. On the 8th of December, 1833, he was united in marriage to Margaret J. Goulding, the second daughter of Rev. Thomas Goulding, D.D. Early in January, 1834, he came to Mt. Zion church. November the 27th, 1834, he was received under the care of Harmony Presbytery as a Liceutiate. October the 28th, 1835, he was ordained and installed pastor of Mount Zion church. After a pastorate covering a period of nearly forty years, it pleased the Great Head of the Church to arrest his labors. In October, 1873, the pastoral relation was dissolved. From that time his name appeared upon the roll of Presbytery as infirm.

William Moultrie Reid needs no eulogy. The bare mention of his name to those who knew him is suggestive of every grace that adorns a beautiful Christian character. He lingered for many years on the banks of the river, but continued to live in unclouded Christian hope. His declining years were full of peace. His thoughts frequently crossed the narrow sea that divides the heavenly land from ours, and in heart he mingled with the glorified saints in their heavenly joys. He was a man of singular modesty and humility, warm and generous impulses, tender sympathies, and genial companionship. None knew him but to love him. None could approach him without feeling they were in the presence of a holy man of God. As a preacher he never sought the praise of men. He cared but little for the graces of rhetoric or the arts of oratory. He preached the "Old, Old Story," but it was with such deep earnestness of conviction, such a tender love, such an evident longing for the salvation of souls, as to win the attention of all classes. None ever doubted that his chief earthly delight, and the ever burning desire of his heart, was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus. The steady growth of his church during his long pastorate, the unusual number of family altars that were kept burning, and the affection of his people, declare how faithfully he labored among them. His ministerial life furnishes an example of earnest devotion to one cause. As a Presbyter he was modest, retiring, and, for the most part, qutet, but his very presence in Presbytery inspired his brethren with a devotional spirit. A few years previous to his death he expressed the desire that the six venerable elders who at that time constituted the Session of Mount Zion church should be his pall-bearers. The last of the six crossed the river a few days in advance of his old pastor.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ,
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

Rev. William McWhorter.

Rev. WILLIAM MCWHORTER died at his residence near Retreat Church, Oconee county, S. C., Saturday morning, February 9th, 1884, after a lingering illness of nine weeks duration, having nearly completed his 73d year. He was born near Bethel Church, in Oconee county, S. C., March 16, 1811. So that this embassador of the Gospel was almost cradled amid the throes of war with the mother country; a war that stirred the hearts and blood of the patriots of 1812; a war that seemed a stern necessity to secure to their children the enjoyment of the cherished rights of liberty, which had been baptized with the blood of their Revolutionary fathers.

HIS FAMILY.

Mr. McWhorter's family belongs to that class known among us as the Scotch-Irish. His grandfather came from Scotland, by way of Pennsylvania, to South Carolina, at an early period in our history. He heartily espoused the cause of the colonies against the King, and fell a martyr to his convictions, dying from a wound received in a battle with a party of Tories, leaving his son, the father of the Rev. William McWhorter, a youth of fourteen years, amid the strifes and dangers of war. So far as information can be obtained the McWhorter family have ever been staunch adherents of Presbyterian faith and order, clinging to it with all the ardor and devotion of those who prefer principle to life, and for which Scotland will ever be famed in "song and story." In Mr. McWhorter's family honored names occur. His maternal grandmother was a Calhoun. His mother's name was Elizabeth Poston, a woman of great strength of character and deep religious convictions, to whom he was greatly indebted for the many virtues that adorned his life. Morning and evening prayers, with the singing of David's Psalms and Scriptural readings, and upon the Sabbath careful instruction in the shorter Catechism, were the means employed to develop in him a strong religious character. His father, Mr. John McWhorter, enjoyed the confidence of his neighbors and fellow Christians, and was called at an early period to the office of ruling elder in Bethel church. To this church he and his beloved wife brought their son William in their arms and dedicated him to God in the holy ordinance of baptism, the rite being administered by the Rev. Andrew Brown, at that time in charge of the church.

HIS BOYHOOD, LIFE AND LABORS.

We have but little accurate information about his boyhood. He early recognized the claims of religion, and made a public profession of his faith at Bethel, the church of his father, before he had attained his twentieth year. He had a great desire to attain knowledge. Good schools were far distant from his home, and good books were scarce. Before he had reached his majority we find him so well prepared that he is able to discharge the duties of a teacher to the children of his friends and neighbors. He was a student at the old Pendleton Academy, under the charge of a Mr. Foster. While attending this school he was a member of Col. Anderson's household. We next find him attending a school in Spartanburg taught by Rev. Michael Dickson. From Mr. Dickson's school he repaired to Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, traveling all the way thither on horseback. Here he probably entered the Sophomore class. He remained at Jefferson College not longer than one year. Fearing the rigor of this severe climate might impair his health, he next repaired to the University of Georgia and completed his literary course under the presidency of the celebrated Dr. Church, receiving his diploma from this Institution, August 5th, 1856. He was taken under the care of the South Carolina Presbytery, at Long Cane, Abbeville county, S. C., as a candidate for the ministry some length of time before his graduation. It would seem that he must have studied Theology privately while pursuing his collegiate course, as he received his diploma August 5th, 1836, and he was licensed by the Presbytery of South Carolina at Greenville church at its fall session of 1837. He did not attend any Theological Seminary, but studied under the direction of Rev. Dr. Barr, of Abbeville, S. C., for whom he entertained a profound regard, and cherished his memory until the day of his death. He was united in marriage to Miss M. M. Kyle, July 18th, 1837, by Rev. Dr Barr. He preached his first sermon after his licensure in Bethel church, in which he had been baptized, and in which he had made a public profession of his faith. In November, 1837, he went to Pontotoc, county, Miss., was ordained by the Presbytery of Chickasaw at its spring session of 1838, and he continued to preach in Pontotoc county, Miss., until the fall of 1840, when he returned to South Caholina and preached to churches in Laurens and Newberry counties. In 1843 he removed to Abbeville county, settling near Due West, and continued to preach to Liberty Spring and Friendship, in Laurens county, as before. While living near Due West he discharged the duties of instructor in Erskine College for several years. In the year of 1850 he removed to Pickens C. H., S. C., and acted as Domestic Missionary for the upper portion of S. C. Presbytery, and at different times and places he had under his care flourishing schools, being eminently successful as a teacher and controller of young men.

AS A PREACHER,

he was earnest in manner and clear in thought. He preached the Gospel in its purity and simplicity. He studied both the text and the context carefully, and his mind grasped the main truth before him. In his earlier days he wrote out his sermons in full to a great extent, and he has left a large number of sermons in manuscript; but in his later years he prepared written skeletons from which he preached, filling up as occasion required. In whatever line of thought his sermon was, he mastered the line of thought he intended to follow, and depended very little on his paper. His aim was to deduce from his text truths well suited to reach the hearts of his hearers, so that by rightly dividing the word of truth he would give to each his portion in due season. He often spoke with great fervor and power, but he never used his powers for mere rhetorical display. All efforts to excite feeling were displeasing to him. He thought it was the preacher's duty to present the truth in its purity and simplicity, and leave it to be applied by the

Holy Spirit. His faith in the Word as the sword of the Spirit was very strong, and mannerism and rhetorical flourishes in the pulpit were offensive to him. His preceptor, Dr. Barr, once said to him, in substance, this, that he was conscious of his power, by appealing to the feelings or using a figure he could arouse the emotional nature of his audience, but he would not do it. The same was true of Mr. McWhorter. He did not favor protracted meetings, because in them efforts are frequently made to excite the feelings. He believed in the faithful, pungent preaching of the Word, sowing the good seed with an unsparing hand and leaving it to God to own and bless the truth. He was persuaded that no power but the Holy Spirit could change the heart, and that all sensational preaching and man-made machinery to get up revivals, were in the end injurious to genuine godliness. While he was a power in the pulpit, he was none the less efficient at the bedside of sickness and in the house of mourning. He was gifted in soothing the aching heart—telling it of the balm in Gilead, and pointing it to the Great Physician of souls.

AS A THEOLOGIAN,

he was distinctly Calvinistic. The doctrines of Grace, as expounded by Calvin and the Westminster Divines met his hearty approbation. His great desire was to know what God had revealed, and the standards of the Presbyterian church expressed his understanding of Bible truth, and he bowed to their authority with as much readiness and earnestness as most men receive axiomatic truths. His whole mental, moral and religious character was the outgrowth from this standpoint; hence he could not help being a thorough-going Presbyterian. Although so decided as he was in his convictions he was catholic in spirit towards all who placed their salvation in the hands of Jesus—the only name under heaven by which men can be saved. He recognized Baptists, Methodists, etc., as part of one great family, members of one great body whose head is Christ, believing that a visible union in denominations on earth of Christ's disciples was not a necessity for the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. While he never deserted his colors nor disguised his tenets, his large hearted charity made him very popular among the members of the evangelical churches wherever he was known.

AS A PRESBYTER,

he was prompt in the discharge of duty and efficient as a worker. He was familiar with the order of business, and he was qualified to be a leader among his brethren, but he had a settled aversion to make himself prominent; he preferred to follow rather than to lead. He was fond of attending our church courts; he loved to to meet with his brethren He had no taste for protracted and acrimonious discussions. Oft times his heart was made sad by personalities and bitterness of spirit manifested in our ecclesiastical assemblies. He felt that ministers sitting as Presbyters in a court of the Lord Jesus, were as much under His eye as when in the pulpit, and that levity, bitterness of spirit, and wrangling for prominence were wholly out of place. He was never a party man in any sense of the term, and anything like log-rolling or electioneering on the part of brethren to carry a cherished measure was always painful to him. As a Presbyter he was rigidly law abiding. It mattered not to him what private views he entertained, or by whom the plan was originated, if the church court adopted it he endeavored faithfully to carry it out. Whatever work was assigned him by the Presbytery he labored to perform it to the best of his ability. At the time of his death he was a member of the Committee of Publication for the Presbytery of S. C., and when a colporteur could not be obtained, he lost no opportunity to circulate the books on hand as he passed through the country preaching the Gospel. His last moments were peaceful His faith did not fail him in the trying hour. From the beginning of his sickness he had an impression that he would not recover. He had all his wordly affairs set in order. He was willing to depart and be with Jesus whenever the Lord so willed it. The Gospel he preached to others was the solace of his own heart in his dying moments. His hopes were based on a finished righteousness, but not his own; he rejoiced in a salvation that was free and full through the blood of the "Crucified One." His useful life is ended, his grave is with us, his memory is dear to us and his presence is sadly missed among us. His death makes a void in his family, in the community, and in the church, which cannot be filled. May the mantle of the ascended prophet fall upon his brethren and may they remember the words he spoke while he was with them, so that he being dead yet speaketh. The memory of the just is blessed.

"Oh, is it not a noble thing to die
As does the Christian with his armor on!
What is the hero's clarion, though its blast
Ring with the mastery of a world, to this?
What are the searching victories of mind—
The love of vanquish'd ages? What are all
The trumpetings of proud humanity
To the short history of him who made
His sepulchre beside the King of Kings?"

The following was adopted by a unanimous and rising vote :

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the members of the Washington street congregation and the people of Greenville, for their cordial hospitality to the members of Synod during our prolonged sojourn here; also, our thanks to the railroad authorities, especially Col. A. C. Haskell, President of the C. & G. R. R., for courtesies extended; and to the Greenville *News* and the *News and Courier* for the full reports of our proceedings.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Thompson the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Moderator for the signal ability and dignity with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Synod.

The Minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved, and the Synod then adjourned, with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet next year in Purity Church, Chester, Wednesday, October 21st, at 8 o'clock, p. m. J. S. WHITE, Moderator.

THOS. H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theolgical Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presents the following annual Report to the Associated Synods :

1. The past year has been one of prosperity to the Seminary. The exercises have been conducted without interruption. We lament, however, to report the deaths of Mr. W. C. Fleming, a Licentiate of Charleston Presbytery, pursuing the studies of the Senior Class during the last session, and of Mr. T. H. DeGraffenreid, of the Junior Class, during the vacation.

2. The plan of instruction and the division of work amongst the Professors are the same as reported last year. The chair of "Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric" is still vacant, as sufficient income has not yet been received for its support. The duties of this chair are, however, discharged by Professors Girardeau, Boggs and Hemphill. Prof. J. J. Vance, LL. D., gave a full course of instruction in Elocution, covering two months of the last session, and Prof. J. H. Rayhill has been secured for a similar course during the present session.

3. During the last session there were thirty-four students in attendance, viz.: 4 in the Senior, 16 in the Middle, 10 in the Junior class, and 4 taking a special course. Twenty-nine students have assembled since the opening of the present session, of whom 11 are in the Senior, 8 in the Middle, 8 in the Junior class, and 2 are taking the special course. Of these 11 are new students, and we have the promise of further additions.

4. The Library is in excellent condition, and the accommodations contemplated have been secured in the way of temporary shelving; but it is hoped that means may be raised ere long for the erection of a fire-proof building. Several hundred volumes have been added during the year—a bequest of Rev. S. Beach Jones, D.D.

5. The finances are in an excellent condition. $8,589.06 in cash has been collected during the fiscal year through the efficient efforts of the financial Agent.

6. In May, 1883, the Board adopted the following:

"WHEREAS, This Seminary is the only one in our Southern Church that has the chair of Natural Science in connection with Revelation; and

"WHEREAS, During the Senior year the questions of the Unity of the Human Race and Evolution are fully examined; and

"WHEREAS, Scepticism in the world is using alleged discoveries in science to impugn the Word of God; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Board requests Professor Dr. James Woodrow to give fully his views as taught in this institution upon Evolution, as it regards the World, the lower Animals and Man, in the October number of the *Southern Presbyterian Review*, or as soon thereafter as possible."

This request was complied with, and Dr. Woodrow submitted a copy of his Address on the above subject, and the Board took the following action:

"The Board having carefully considered the Address of Dr. Woodrow published in pursuance of its request, adopts the following Minute:

Resolved, 1st. That the Board does hereby tender to Dr. Woodrow its thanks for the ability and faithfulness with which he has complied with its request.

"2d. That in the judgment of this Board 'the relations subsisting between the teachings of Scripture and the teachings of Natural Science' are plainly, correctly and satisfactorily set forth in said Address.

"3d. That while the Board is not prepared to concur in the view expressed by Dr. Woodrow as to the probable creation of Adam's body, yet in the judgment of this Board there is nothing in the doctrine of Evolution, as defined and limited by him, which is inconsistent with perfect soundness in the faith.

"4th. That the Board takes this occasion to record its deep and ever-growing sense of the wisdom of our Synods in the establishment of the Perkins Professorship of 'Natural Science in Connection with Revelation,' and of the importance of such instruction as is thereby afforded, that our ministry may be the better prepared to resist the objections of infidel scientists and defend the Scriptures against their insidious charges."

Adopted by the Board September 17, 1884.

T. B. FRASER, President pro tem.

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